

HOUSE HAS IT LIVELY

Bill Preventing Disturbance Political Meetings

MUCH DISCUSSED.

Charter Granted the Moore County and Western Railway—Bill to Reduce Clerks Salaries creates a Breeze—Other Important Matters.

At 10 o'clock the house met, Dr. Dixon offering the opening prayer. A great many bills were introduced, nearly all local in character. Among those of general interest were these: Harris to repeal the act to amend the charter of Wilmington ratified March, 1895, and declaring all laws and clauses of laws concerning Wilmington existing at that date in full force and effect, save that there shall be elected by the qualified voters of each ward, one alderman and the Governor shall appoint one alderman, and the alderman thus constituted shall elect a Mayor; by Lawhon, to protect cultivated ground from the ranges of poultry, by making it a misdemeanor to allow poultry to go on or remain on such ground after one days notice by its owner; by Meares to pay registrars and judges of election \$1.50 each for services last election day and \$1.50 each to persons who carried returns of election to the county seat; this not to apply to counties where such officers have already been paid; by Abernathy to amend the code as to pauper suits by striking out the words "one or more witnesses" and inserting "by 2 disinterested witnesses and by the affidavit of one or more practicing attorney;" by Chapman, to require the cross indexing of deeds, etc., in 24 hours after they are registered.

The bill making it a misdemeanor to wilfully disturb a political meeting came up on 3rd reading. Schulken said there were dangerous provisions in the bill. Lusk championed the bill. Cunningham spoke with much force against the bill, as unjust, and declared it ought to be tabled, saying the general law covered the case. Cathey said that speakers ought to be protected from insults by persons in the crowd. McRary said there was in his section need of the law. Freeman said political campaigns were now disrespectful, and he wanted them as respectful as a religious or educational meeting. He expressed his admiration of the bill and even wished it was stronger. The bill provides a penalty of \$5 or not over \$50 or imprisonment for not over 30 days for the wilful interruption or disturbance of any political meeting lawfully assembled. Harris, of Halifax, thought the bill very meritorious. Schulken moved to table. On this the vote was ayes 24, noes, 66. McKnight said he thanked God that he belonged to a party which in 20 years had never used a gag law. He thought the purpose of the bill was to muzzle democrats. Sutton said that in Columbus county he was threatened and that attempts were made to prevent his speaking, and that he had stood in face of pistols and eggs (laughter) for the cause of fusion. Cathey, in explaining his vote, said he favored the bill and that he wanted to cast his vote for civilization.

Hauser offered an amendment making the fine \$20. This was antagonized by Blackburn, who said oftentimes speakers took their lives in their hands. The amendment was lost. Ransom offered an amendment making it a misdemeanor for a political speaker to use vulgar or profane language while speaking. Dixon, of Cleveland, said with this amendment he favored the bill; that while the speaker was given protection from the crowd the crowd should be given protection from the speaker. Schulken said that with this amendment he also favored the bill. Lusk took the same view and said no public speaker ought to be allowed to use unseemly language. Ransom said he had offered the amendment in good faith and with it favored the bill. Lusk said he accepted the amendment. Nelson said he had favored the bill originally; that he knew no politics when a matter came up involving good order. The bill was no onslaught on the democratic platform, contained nothing about free silver, trusts or the income tax (laughter). Nelson said he warmly favored the bill and the amendment. Blackburn opposed the amendment, because he did not want

to serve notice that North Carolina had to make a law to make her political speakers decent and respectful. In other words to force them to be gentlemen; that it cast a reflection upon the people of the state. Freeman said he supposed Blackburn would have the criminal law repealed because there were some bad citizens. He said he wanted to brand as criminals men who used vulgar or profane language on the stump. Hauser favored the amendment.

McRary said that there was need for the purification of speakers; that it was now a standing jest that North Carolina speakers told smutty jokes on the stump. Sutton of New Hanover said the present law prohibits the use of improper language. Cunningham spoke in favor of the amendment, and said that in nine cases out of ten when a speaker was interrupted by the crowd the interruption was due to his own words. Cook of Warren offered an amendment that the bill should apply to all public speakers and "stage actors." It was adopted. Cook said the bill as amended gave jurisdiction to a magistrate so far as the fine or imprisonment are concerned, while in so far as a misdemeanor is concerned it gives jurisdiction to the superior court. He moved that the bill and amendment be re-referred to the judiciary committee. This motion prevailed.

The special order, the bill to incorporate the Moore County and Western Railroad company, was taken up. It was said that there was an opinion by some members that this bill ought to be very carefully considered; that the road would parallel the North Carolina Railway. Dockery said the bill was printed five days ago and was the only one printed and there was no excuse for lack of information, that it parallels no State road. It was a simple charter, with no extraordinary privilege; that two other charters cover the same territory. He did not believe in trusts and combinations in railroads. Schulken thought road would parallel the N. C. E. R. He thought consideration ought to be deferred until after the matter of the lease of the N. C. R. R. was settled; that he knew the lease question would come up; that the attorney of the Moore county and Western R. R., who had approached him on the subject, had confessed, in response to an inquiry that it would parallel the N. C. R. R. Schulken said he wanted postponement until next Friday; Cook said the house had postponed the bill and printed it at Schulken's request. He thought this was enough; that as Dockery had stated it was to develop a new country, with fine water-powers and resources. Schulken then said he was convinced and withdrew his objections. The motion to postpone was withdrawn. Dockery offered an amendment that if 30 miles of continuous line were not completed in 4 years the charter should be void; Lawhan offered an amendment, which was lost, forbidding the construction of branch lines.

Bill to allow Registers of Deeds to appoint register who can issue marriage licenses was tabled. Bill to reduce the pay of registers of deeds to 10 cents per sheet for recording election returns, passed, as did bill to incorporate Hamlet, and bill to allow Caldwell county to levy special tax and build a jail.

Bill to give hotel and boarding house keepers a lien upon all baggage of guests and power to sell the same within 30 days, provided the board is not paid, was taken up. Lusk said it was clearly unconstitutional, as it violated the homestead law; that a hotel keeper had no right to seize property unless it was worth over \$500. The bill had a favorable committee report but was tabled by a unanimous vote.

Bill to reduce salaries of clerks of the house from \$5 to \$4 per day came up with a favorable report. Sutton, of New Hanover, moved to table. Lost, ayes 27, noes 71. Blackburn said he saw the democrats voting against it, but it was because they had no clerks. He said: "I favor paying our men as much as their men got." He was asked if the bill originated on the democratic side of the house and said "No." He added that the law could not apply to the present clerks. Cunningham said he opposed the quick motions to table these bills; he desired free and full discussions. Blackburn said: "who introduced this bill?" Hauser, populist, replied "I did." Blackburn then asked Hauser if he had been a clerk two years ago. Hauser said "Yes," and added that he introduced the bill in good faith. "The subs draw

more than the bosses?" he said. "That is not fair." McRary ridiculed Blackburn, saying "Clerks got all the salary and the members got all the 'cussing'."

SENATE. The Senate met at 12 o'clock, Lieutenant-Governor Reynolds presiding. After prayer by Rev. Mr. Betts, of this city, the journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Leaves of absence were granted to Senators Odom and Zeager. Bills and resolutions were introduced and referred as follows: By Mr. Abell, bill to amend section 1367 of the code relating to depositions.

By Mr. Parker, of Alamance, bill to incorporate the Pinehurst railroad company. By Mr. Utley, bill to pay J. M. Turner, a school teacher of Wake. By Mr. Rollins, bill to regulate the law in regard to the dissection of dead bodies.

The president announced the following committee of county government: Messrs. Grant, chairman; Smathers, McCaskey, Atwater and Abell.

On motion of Mr. McCaskey the Senate adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow.

SCOTTISH REFORMATION

To be Given Under the Auspices of the Ladies of the Good Shepherd Church.

This entertainment which is to appear at the Academy of Music Thursday and Friday is certainly creating much interest among the people in Raleigh.

Mrs. H. E. Monroe the lecturer spent two years in Scotland gathering information and pictures to be used in this lecture. From an educational point of view it is worth months of study to those who are fortunate enough to attend. Who has not thrilled at the story of Mary Queen of Scots; dazed at the splendor of her court; filled with admiration of her beauty; then moved with sorrow at her ignominious death? All this will be presented and illustrated by our home talent.

Miss Anna Belle Mitchell will represent the part of Queen Mary and will be surrounded by her royal court to hear the great trial of John Knox, who will be personated by Prof. Massey. The different scenes of the entertainment are enlivened by music, dialogue and tableaux. The rehearsals give promise of a fine performance.

IS A LADY ELIGIBLE?

Mrs. E. M. Harrison of this City Wants to be State Librarian.

Mrs. E. M. Harrison, of this city, manager of the Harrison House, is an applicant for the position of state librarian. Mrs. Harrison is not the only lady applicant, for at least one other has made application.

Ruff Henderson, who has aspiration to be railway commissioner is interested in Mrs. Harrison's candidacy. Ruff was told yesterday that Attorney General Waiser had said that a lady was ineligible to be librarian. Ruff said he would not be satisfied until he obtained an expression of opinion on the matter from Governor Russell.

The republicans of the east will demand the railway commissioner. It is understood that they will push Dr. J. H. Abbott, an influential republican of the eastern section for the position.

WARMER TONIGHT.

But the Weather Will be Fair and Colder by Saturday.

The weather prediction for Raleigh and vicinity is fair and warmer tonight. It will turn colder Saturday and the weather will continue fair. The thermometer registered 34 this morning.

A considerable storm is moving across the Lake region, causing snow in that vicinity. Local rains occurred over Florida.

In the extreme northwest a new high area, with colder weather, has appeared. The lowest temperature, 6 degrees below zero, occurred at Bismarck, North Dakota.

In the central valley and in the east the weather is fair.

Bought a Site Near Littleton.

Mr. Overman, the well-known bicyclist of Boston, has purchased a site for a large mansion, to be built near Littleton, and has also bought the hunting privilege for about 2,000 acres of land. Mr. Overman and some of his friends will spend the hunting season at his place in Halifax county each year.

A CRISIS IS AT HAND.

Will Republican Caucus Act With Majority?

IT MEETS TONIGHT.

Members Are Non-Committal—Expressions Obtained From Several—Butler and Russell Confer—The Governor Said to Favor Majority.

The Populist caucus last night prepared a set of resolutions proposing a continuance of co-operation in compliance with the agreement entered into by both parties last summer on matters yet undetermined by the legislature.

The Republicans recognize that the acceptance or rejection of the proposition made by the regular Populist caucus is a very serious matter. The move made by the Populists is a clever one and the Republicans who were questioned today as to the course the Republican caucus would take were slow to talk. A crisis is near at hand and whatever is done is likely to rile one of the Populist factions.

There will evidently be a fight in the republican caucus, which meets tonight, on the proposition. It is very likely that a committee will be appointed to consider the proposal. The majority populists say they want to know who the republicans intend to act with. As one of their members said today, they have got to act with one side or the other.

A well informed republican stated today that the proposition would be rejected, unless the majority would consent to act with the minority. He said moreover that there would be a split in the republicans caucus on the question, and that Brower and Dockery and possibly others would not consent to the caucus ignoring the majority.

It is stated by well informed persons that Governor Russell sent for Senator Butler and Chairman Fountain yesterday and that they went to the mansion and had a conference with the governor. It is said that Governor Russell is very desirous of the two populists factions being harmonized, but that if there is no chance of it, he is in favor of dealing with the majority.

Senator Butler was questioned today about his visit to the mansion. He attached no significance to it at all, saying that he had called on Governor Russell every day or so since his arrival here.

Expressions were obtained from a number of gentlemen as to the probable action of the republican caucus tonight.

Major Grant, "I am in favor of sticking to my friends and going down with them if necessary. It would be as treacherous for us to abandon our friends as was Butler's betrayal of Pritchard."

Claude Dockery, "I am in favor of accepting the proposal of the populist caucus. It is entirely satisfactory."

J. M. Brower, "The resolution is entirely acceptable."

Spencer Blackburn, "The consensus of opinion among our people is that the populists should settle their own differences. We will never forsake the minority. Let the populists settle their affairs."

V. S. Lusk, "I will not give an expression of opinion on the matter now."

Walter Henry, "The majority faction of the populist party are asking the republicans to join with them to crush and punish the men who aided them, (the republicans) in their hour of need to elect a republican United States Senator. This scheme certainly cannot succeed with the republicans and it is one that Pritchard would never endorse. He is not an ingrate but an honorable man."

Senator Rollins, "I am in favor of standing by my friends. The matter will hardly be settled tonight but will be referred to a committee."

Buck Adams, "I think the populists should settle their own differences. I am not in favor of settling any of their affairs."

A Child Burned to Death.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. MEADVILLE, Pa., Jan. 22.—Josephine McQuiston, aged thirteen years, was burned to death at her home here yesterday afternoon. She was an invalid. A. J. McQuiston, her father, is connected with the Standard Oil Company in Pittsburg.

THE SENATORIAL FIGHT

Pritchard's Path Will be no Easy One. Says a Washington Paper.

The Washington Star of yesterday afternoon has an editorial on Senators Butler and Pritchard which will be of particular interest to the people of the state. It says: "So far as the populist feature the senatorial fight just ended in North Carolina is considered, the result is regarded as a triumph for the Watson wing of the party. Senator Butler was defeated on both local and national grounds. His prestige at home has been weakened, and his management of the populist national campaign repudiated. His next move is awaited with much interest."

The feeling of the Watson people against Mr. Butler is described as being very bitter. It has been voiced by Mr. Watson himself at home, and by his lieutenants in nearly every section of the country. He is accused of having fused away the whole populist case last fall, and then of attempting to put down those in the party who were frank enough to express to him their opinion of his mismanagement. For these reasons the Watson people have been eager ever since then to challenge his power, and the Pritchard contest gave them their opportunity.

Mr. Butler promptly accepted the challenge, and after an engagement of some length and much earnestness he has lost.

Silver, as a separate issue, brought forward on its merits, he would support.

This, it is recognized, will make Mr. Pritchard's path no easy one to travel during the next year or two. He will have an opportunity to vote for a tariff bill, but then will come the silver question. The all-forgiver leaders are not going to let that question rest. In some form, and maybe in many forms, they will bring it before Congress and oblige the making of new records by the members of both houses.

It is true, however that Mr. Pritchard has company in his party in the attitude he announces that he will take. Committed as he is to silver, he stands with Mr. Thurston, Mr. Wolcott, Mr. Hansbrough, Mr. Mitchell of Oregon, if he shall return, and others. They are for silver, but not to the extent of using it as a club or sledge for breaking up the republican party. The bill, or the maneuver, that would embarrass him would equally embarrass them. He returns to the Senate under conditions that will make him an interesting member of that body.

TO WIND UP MATTERS.

Cleveland Hopes to End the Cuban Controversy

The New York Journal says President Cleveland said to a prominent member of Congress:

"It is my hope to wind up this matter before the end of my term as President, and I shall look upon the peaceful settlement of this controversy between Spain and her rebelling colony as one of the grandest achievements of my administration."

"Spain stands ready to give the people of the island a home rule government, and there exists no reason so far as I can see, why this government should not use its offices to bring about the accomplishment of these desires of the Spanish government."

Hamlet by Young.

Hamlet by James Young, the Baltimore tragedian, will be the bill at Metropolitan Opera House on Tuesday evening. Speaking of Mr. Young personally the Lynceburg, Va., Advance says:

"Whoever has met Mr. James Young of the stage cannot help having been charmed by the modest disposition and the magnetism of his personality. The comedy and pathos of his Garrick, the fun of his Petrucio, the grandeur of his Richelieu and the absolute realism of Denmark's haunted Prince are all convincing proofs that we have found a man worthy to stand in the place of our great tragedians of the past."

Mr. Burrows at Canton.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. CANTON, Ohio, Jan. 22.—Senator J. C. Burrows, of Michigan, and ex-Congressman Pierce, of St. Louis, called on Major McKinley this morning. Senator Burrows came for a further talk about Gen. Alger for the cabinet.

The indications point strongly to the appointment of Gen. Alger to the position of Secretary of war.

FATHER FELIX

Formerly of this Diocese. Today Made Bishop of the Delaware Diocese.

Father Felix, for over a year in charge of the Sacred Heart in this city was today made Bishop of the diocese of Wilmington, Delaware. Father Felix is held in fond remembrance by members of the Catholic church in this city. His elevation will be a source of pleasure to them.

TODAY'S MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 22.

Market quotations furnished by E. B. Cuthbert & Co., 30 Broad street, New York, and 305 Wilmington street, Raleigh, N. C., over their special wire:

Table with columns: MONTHS, OPENING, HIGH, LOW, CLOSING. Rows for January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August, Sept., October, November, December.

Closed barely steady. sales 112,400 bales.

The following were the closing quotations on the New York Stock Exchange today:

Table with columns: New York Stock Market. Rows for Sugar, American Tobacco, Burlington and Quincy, Chicago Gas, Des. and Cst. Feed, General Electric, Louisville and Nashville, Manhattan, Rock Island, Southern Preferred, St. Paul, Tennessee Coal and Iron, Western Union.

Chicago Grain and Provision Market.

Table with columns: The following were the closing quotations on the Chicago Grain and Provision market today. Rows for Wheat—May, July; Corn—May, July; Oats—May, July; Pork—January, May, July; Lard—January, May; Clear Rib Sides—January.

Liverpool Cotton Market.

Table with columns: January-February, February-March, March-April, April-May, May-June, June-July, July-August. Sales 10,000 bales.

In Aid of Rex Hospital.

The West Raleigh ladies will give the entertainment advertised for Friday night, January 22nd, at the old democratic headquarters corner Fayetteville and Morgan streets instead of at the Presbyterian Sunday School room. Admission only 10 cents. A pleasant programme has been arranged by which the guests will be entertained. Dainty refreshments will be served at moderate prices. Menu—Chicken salad, wafers, pickles and coffee, ice cream cake. All citizens are cordially invited to come and aid Rex Hospital.

N. C. Superintendent's Association.

The North Carolina Superintendent's Association will hold its next annual meeting at Chapel Hill on January 25th and 26th. The evening of the 26th will be devoted to the discussion of a better public school system for North Carolina. The questions of the extension of the term, improvement of teachers, local taxation, supervision and others affecting the improvement of the public schools will be considered and an attempt will be made to secure some concert of action on those vital questions.

Dr. Alderman's membership in this association and his long connection with the public school interests of the association shall be held at Chapel Hill on the eve of his inauguration as president of the University.

Husband and Son Missing.

By Telegraph to the Press-Visitor. BAY CITY, Mich., Jan. 22.—Wm. McGarry and 19-year-old son, William, Jr., for an unknown cause left their home today. Mrs. McGarry has received no information as to the whereabouts of her husband and son and has sent telegrams to neighboring towns.

The old gentleman is a veteran lake steamboat captain and an Irish man. Mrs. McGarry is in great distress and need.

SHORT STATEMENTS.

Minor Matters Manipulated for the Many.

AROUND THE CITY.

Pot-Pourri of the News Pictured on Paper—Points and People Pertinently Picked and Pithily Put in Print.

"A trip to Chinatown" is one of the notable attractions that will appear at the Academy of Music next month.

Grippe, the prevailing epidemic was never worse in Raleigh. It seems to have attacked every household in Raleigh.

The supreme court resumes its work on the first Monday in February. Applicants to practice law will be examined.

There is no prospect of night sessions of the general assembly yet awhile. The evening sessions are always popular with Raleigh people.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Y. M. C. A. will have their regular monthly meeting tomorrow afternoon at 4:00 o'clock, in the rooms of the association. A full attendance is desired.

A reception will be given to the members of the Epworth League this evening 8 to 10:30 o'clock by Marvin Chapter. Every member of the League in the city is expected to be present and help make the evening one of pleasure and profit.

Dr. V. E. Turner left today for Philadelphia on business connected with his profession, to be absent four or five days. Miss Mary Turner goes with him as far as Washington, D. C., to make a visit to her uncle, Judge Turner of Georgia.

The Governor's first requisition is made on the Governor of Tennessee. D. W. Loudemilk of Cherokee, who is wanted in Cherokee county is under arrest in that State. Governor Russell offers a reward of \$100 for John Keal, who is wanted in Pitt county for the murder of David Crandall.

President Joyner of the Teachers assembly, President McIver of the Normal School, secretary C. J. Parker of the assembly and a number of educators appeared before the committee on education this evening in the interest of the bill to provide for school supervision by districts. The committee met at the Supreme Court building.

"Little's World" which was to have appeared at Metropolitan Opera House last night, but which failed to materialize is having many tribulations and troubles in Durham. Miss Fannie Gonzales, the soubrette kicked higher than soubrettes generally do. Indeed Miss Gonzales refused to go on the stage in Durham. She had the company's property attached for \$38 in unpaid salary.

"A Pair of Jacks."

The announcement that Rich and Maeder's Comedians will present H. Grattan Donnelly's famous farce comedy, "A Pair of Jacks," in this city at the Academy of Music Monday night, January 25th, will be hailed with joy by every lover of pure, wholesome fun. In these days of so-called "society drama" and of the "French twaddle," it is refreshing to go to the theatre and witness a play that is clean, witty and amusing. In "A Pair of Jacks" there is no villain smoking the ever necessary cigarette, the forged will and stolen papers are omitted. But, in their stead will be found action, singing, dancing, music, good looking girls, and a funny play that will make you experience the same kind of delight that a farmer feels when he straddles a fresh pumpkin pie with his jaws until he nearly breaks the hinge at the base of his brain. The dance of the "Bacchantes" will be seen in "A Pair of Jacks" for the first time in this city. Sale of reserved seats began at King's drug store today.

A Hotel for Colored People.

A company has been incorporated at Asheville composed of leading colored men, for the erection of a hotel in that city for the accommodation of colored people. Connected with the hotel will be a restaurant, laundry, clubroom, billiard room, etc.